

# Numismatics International

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Thirty-fourth meeting of  
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL  
Wednesday, April 19, 1967, 7:30 P.M.  
Northwest National Bank  
Community Room, Walnut Hill Shopping Village  
DALLAS, TEXAS

PROGRAM: "Organizing a Coin Collection"

SPEAKER: MALCOLM GREER

DISPLAY: Complete coinage of HAWAII and PUERTO  
RICO -- Marvin L. Fraley

## ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR:

Bhutan Y6-8 UNC.:	\$ .70 set
British North Borneo Y3 & Y5 VF/XF, Y4 Fine (3 pcs.):	\$2.25 set
British North Borneo Y6 VF/XF:	\$8.00 ea.
British Trade Dollar Y11 VF/XF	\$3.00 ea.
Cameroons 100 Francs Y17 UNC:	\$1.05 ea.
Central African States 50 Francs Y1 UNC:	\$1.25 ea.
Ceylon 5 Rupees Y41 XF/AU:	\$4.00 ea.
Morocco 1 Rial XF (lustre)	\$4.65 ea.
Portugal 20 Escudos Y62 AU	\$2.50 ea.

## YEOMAN SEVENTH EDITION OF THE BROWN BOOK:

We have been informed that the retail price of the 7th Edition has been raised from \$4.00 to \$5.00. Due to this increase, club members price will be \$3.75 instead of \$3.00 as previously announced. Members who have previously ordered are requested to send the additional .75 with their coin order this month. Additional orders will be accepted through April 19th. Whitman is running late, as usual, and the arrival of the 7th Edition is not expected before May 1st at the earliest.

EVERYONE COME TO THE MEETING AND SUPPORT YOUR CLUB  
BRING A GUEST AND RECOMMEND THAT THEY JOIN THE CLUB





THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: MALCOLM GREER, currently serving as club Secretary-Treasurer, will give a talk and demonstration on "Organizing a Coin Collection".

THIS MONTH'S MEMBER DISPLAY: MARVIN L. FRALEY, next month's speaker, will present a display of the complete coinages of HAWAII and PUERTO RICO (5 coins each country) and give a short talk covering their background.

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1967 CLUB DUES -- FINAL NOTICE: Pursuant to Article V, Section 2.a. of the club By-Laws, the following members are in arrears:

AL ALMANZAR	ERIC LIFF	JACK D. ROBERTS
FRED BRANDES	GERALD L. LITTELL	MRS. SY SYMONDS
CARL BROCK	DELBERT MARTIN	HAROLD TOPOLSKY
KEN BUCHER	MRS. FLORENCE A. McBEE	DR. W. O. WAGNER
ERNEST COUCH	JOE S. PITMAN	MRS. VERA ZABLE
DAVE HAGEN	HAROLD H. RAMSEY	EDWARD ZAREMBA
DR. HAL KENDALL	GLEN H. RENO	

All of the above members that have not paid their 1967 dues by April 19, 1967 will be considered as having resigned from the organization and will receive no further mailings of club business. In the event anyone listed above has previously paid and credit has not been properly entered in the club records, please contact the club secretary at once.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST: The May bulletin will contain an up-to-date list of names, addresses and collecting specialties of all active N.I. members.

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STUDY GROUP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LATIN AMERICAN: 2nd Monday each month 7:30 P.M. at Rex McGee's Coins & Stamps, 5009 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.

ANCIENT COINS: To be announced at the meeting.

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N.I. MEMBERS VISITING DALLAS: JAMES L. FERRELL, a founder member currently serving in the U.S. Navy, will be home in Dallas on leave during most of April. He plans to attend his first NI meeting since leaving for the Navy in October 1965. James will be looking forward to visiting with old friends in the club.

Mrs. Ruth Van Kleeck and her husband LOYAL are on vacation now and plan a stop-over in Dallas to visit with Jack Lewis and Marvin Fraley. The exact date of their arrival is not known at present. It is hoped that they can time their visit with this month's meeting.

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# THE DATING OF ETHIOPIAN COINAGE by Jack E. Lewis

The date on Ethiopian coinage consists of five numbers and appears beneath the bust of the emperor on all coins except Y1-4 which appear on the reverse and Y23-27 which appear behind the head. Y16 through Y21 and Y23 are undated. The picture on page 164 of Yeoman which purports to be Y17 is actually Y6.

The number chart on page 163 is excellent but there is some artistic liberty taken with these figures of the coins of Haile Selassie I.

Using the picture of Y35 as a reference, the five characters read as follows: TEN, NINE, HUNDRED, THIRTY, SIX or 1936. There is a variation of 7 years and 8 months between the Ethiopian calendar and you have 1944 by our calendar as the year of issue.

The coins I have seen in the Y23 through Y28 series all carry the Ethiopian date of 1923 which would make the year of issue 1931 instead of 1933-1934 as shown in Yeoman.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS: At the March meeting, the three amendments to the by-laws regarding membership and payment of dues were passed as published. The amendment prohibiting the payment of dues in foreign coins or currency was passed after a lively discussion pro and con.

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED INTO N.I. DURING MARCH:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>COLLECTING SPECIALTY</u>
Charles W. COVILL	5610 Delwood Drive Austin, Texas 78723	World Types
Kenneth LEE	451 - 4th Ave. North Wisconsin Rapids, Wic. 54494	World Types

(Both of the above new members trade world coins by mail and welcome correspondence from other NI. desiring to trade coins.)

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## ADDITIONS TO CCW & 6TH EDITION STUDY FROM LAST MONTH:

INDIA: Y48 has been eliminated.

Y47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, and 56 have been divided into two types (Small Head and Large Head). These types are now listed as Y47, 47a, 49, 49a, 50, 50a, 53, 53b, 54, 54b, 55, 55a, 56 and 56a.

ALBANIA: Apparently overlooked and not included in CCW as it has had issues since 1940.

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## NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC FRONT

by Matthew J. van der Voort

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That international numismatic contacts indeed can be very profitable to collectors will become clear from the mention of my recent acquisitions obtained by swapping with collectors from abroad. Thus I obtained during the last few months:

From a collector in Japan, member of the ANA, the rare 1938 Inner Mongolia Coin, Yeo. 1, the only existing coin of this country; a specimen of the 1 Sen porcelain coin, made at the end of WW II when the shortage of metals of any kind in Japan made it impossible to strike coins in metal. This porcelain money however was never issued and it must be considered as very rare. Yeoman does not even mention it; a set of the 10 and 15 Kopeck struck in 1916 at the Osaka mint. These are silver coins and because of the war situation the Russian Government was forced to have coins struck at the Osaka mint. Although many of these coins were minted, they were not actually issued; the coins were melted down and only a limited quantity got in the hands of collectors and these coins too belong to the first rate Russian rarities. All the coins are in uncirculated condition.

From a private Russian collector I obtained a Byzantine coin of Sewasotpol, Crimea and an uncirculated specimen of the rare 5 Kopecks copper token of the Leningrad Leathergoods Factory, issued shortly after the revolution. At an earlier occasion he had already supplied me with a specimen of the Moscow Subway Token and a complete set of the Uzbekistan crude copper coins listed by Yeoman under Soviet Central Asia 1, 2, 3, and 4. The set of thusfar unpublished Khiva coins I described in The Numismatist of March stem also from this source.

Finally I received a copy of the in only 12 specimen cast large size Kennedy commemorative medal designed by the Yugoslavian sculptor Emil Bohutinsky; see my article in Coin World of April 13, 1966.

Apart from the numismatic advantages thus obtained the contacts themselves contribute to a better understanding between people of different countries and undoubtedly we numismatists through our international contacts help building a better world. This sounds idealistic for a man in his late 50ties, but if we do not try, we fail in our human duty.

Best regards to all the readers of the NI Bulletin.

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A BARGAIN ON "COIN WORLD" NEWSPAPER: If you are not a current subscriber and have not had a subscription current during any part of 1967, you can get a year's subscription to "Coin World" by sending only \$5.00 to club member Glenn V. Ritter, P. O. Box 20061, Denver, Colorado 80220. That is about 20% savings below the regular \$6.00 yearly subscription rate.

GLENN V. RITTER



MY COIN COLLECTION

by Victor Levie, (Age 12)  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

At the end of 1965, when I was clearing a cupboard, I found a small box containing a few medals and a score of foreign coins. These belonged to my elder brother, but since he did not really want to collect coins, he gave them to me. I studied the coins and became interested in the various features one perceived on them and this is the way I became a junior numismatist!

I swapped some of my extras with my classmates and I was very happy that thus I acquired even a 1921 Morgan Dollar.

A patient of my father, who happens to be a doctor, brought from a visit to Mexico a few coppers back home which he gave to me. The least circulated of them I kept, swapped the others again with my schoolfriends. This proved to be a mistake on my part, since after the swapping I discovered that there are 2 different types of this 20 Centavos coin. Fortunately, I was able to re-swap a copy of the variety later.

From an aunt living in England I got 2 Roman bronze coins and a rare Dutch Lionthaler of the Province of Holland, struck at the Mint in Dordrecht in 1589.

My physical education teacher traded the foreign coins he held for some extras of the stamp collection of my mother.

Gradually my collection grew and now I hold about 360 different coins already.

Then my father introduced me to Mr. Matthew van der Voort, another patient of his. From Mr. van der Voort, who showed me his own collection, I learned a lot. He taught me how to handle and store my coins and he also explained to me the way to convert the AH dates on Arab coins into the AD era dates. He encouraged me very much in presenting me with a handful of his extras but only after I had studied these from the books in his library. On Mr. van der Voort's advice I saved my allowance to buy a copy of Yeoman and somebody presented me another indispensable numismatic tool: a magnifying glass.

Since the time Mr. van der Voort acts as my coach I began to understand the features on the coins and he urged me to study the background of every coin I can lay hands on. He told me to keep my copy of the German 2 Marks nickel coin with the effigy of the famous physicist Max Planck, which coin I intended to discard from my collection. I learned that these coins are withdrawn from circulation because they are of almost the same size as the 5 Marks silver pieces, which caused much abuse and confusion in Germany. Since our family has relatives in the United States, England and New Zealand, from which I occasionally get some additions to my collection, I feel I can in all modesty claim to be already a junior international 'numismatist' and I hope in due time to be entitled to drop the parenthesis from the word numismatist.

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MY COIN COLLECTION (Cont'd)

I am a 12 years old school boy; my address is: Schubertstraat 26, Amsterdam 9, the Netherlands.

(To Victor's interesting story, which he wrote on my request and is as far as possible related here in his own words, I would like to add that he is a very promising pupil of mine and it would be most welcome to him if some junior collectors among the readers of the NI Bulletin felt to enter into a penfriendship with him and, of course, on occasion swap some extras.

Best regards from Victor and me and on my part; so long until Dallas next June!)

Matthew J. van der Voort

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WAGGA WAGGA BASE HOSPITAL DONATIONS: Received during the past month were a donation lot of coins, including about 70 different countries, from Bud and Earlene Butterworth, 2115 W. Long 17th St., North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114. These are now on the way to Mrs. Gammage with Bud and Earlene's best wishes.

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FUTURE N.I. SPEAKERS:

MAY: Marvin L. Fraley will report on his numismatic activity as well as other news concerning his vacation in Europe, including personal visits with club members, Bill Peters in Germany and Matthew J. van der Voort in Amsterdam.

JUNE: Matthew J. van der Voort of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, will stop over in Dallas in address NI on his way home from serving as a member of the educational panel of the Convention of International Numismatics (COIN) in Los Angeles June 23-25th. His subject for the evening will be on a very special kind of Russian coinage, the so-called "JEFIMKI", of which he holds some of the rarest specimens. Of course he will bring his collection of these scarce coins to show N.I. members and guests

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IMPORTANT -- CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR JUNE -- IMPORTANT

In order to adhere to the traveling schedule of our guest speaker in June, Mr. Matthew J. van der Voort, the Board of Governors has approved the following change of the meeting date:

THE JUNE 1967 MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY (JUNE 28th) INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. THE JULY AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS WILL REVERT BACK TO OUR REGULAR THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Remember -- Circle June 28th on the calendar for a "must" attendance.



The following is a set of "trading rules" that were adopted by a group of world coin traders, of which 90% were NI members. These rules are not club regulated by NI; they are only being published as suggested guidelines from which you can derive your own personal opinions. NI does highly recommend this set of rules as basic world coin trading rules.

#### WORLD COINS MAIL TRADING RULES

1. No trade to be considered final until mutual acceptance by both parties.
2. Any coins considered unsatisfactory will be returned within ten days of receipt, for full credit, with no explanation required.
3. If "want lists" are issued, trader issuing same will agree to accept any coins shown on the list until a new list is received, or an expiration date voids the want list, providing coins are in an acceptable condition.
4. Coins which have been cleaned in any manner are non-returnable.
5. The latest edition of "Modern World Coins" by Richard S. Yeoman shall be used to establish values, except for Canada, Great Britain, and Mexico, where the current edition of Charlton, Bressett, and Buttry may be used. Any other deviation must be so indicated prior to the trade.
6. Each trader to pay his own postage. Coins valued in excess of \$10.00 should be insured by the sender.
7. Traders will not divulge names, addresses, or confidential information about other traders unless specifically granted permission to do so.
8. Culls, corroded coins, chopped coins, or coins less than "good" condition will not be traded unless specific mention is made of the less than desirable condition, which shall have a reduced trade value.
9. Traders should be informed whether it is agreed to carry trade "balances" toward future trading, and the "time" and "dollar" limit, if any, on such trade balances.
10. Honesty, integrity, and reliability form the basis for long term trading relationships. Each trader should strive to be fair in his dealings with others.

NOTE: The above rules were compiled by ROBERT W. CASE with the assistance of many NI and non-NI members. Remember, they are offered only as a basic guideline to set up your own rules and opinions.



"WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL" LISTINGS:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. &amp; ISSUE:</u>	<u>TENTATIVE VALUE</u>
INDIAN STATE:		
JUNA GADH	YA2 2 Dokda Bronze Samvat date 1964 (1908 A.D.)	\$ --
IRAN:	Y149 10 Ryals Copper-Nickel 1966	1.00
JAPAN:	Y81 50 Yen Copper-Nickel Showa 42(1967)	.30
	Y82 100 Yen " " " "	.50
PERU:	YA23 1/2 Real Silver 1882 (Ayacucho Mint)	--
	Y69 25 Centavos Brass 1966	.20
	Y70 1/2 Sol Brass 1966	.30
VATICAN CITY:	Y84 1 Lira Alumimum 1966	.10
	Y85 2 Lire " "	.15
	Y86 5 " " "	.20
	Y87 10 " " "	.25
	Y88 20 Lire Alumimum-Bronze 1966	.30
	Y89 50 Lire Acmonital (steel) 1966	.60
	Y90 100 " " " "	1.20
	Y91 500 Lire Silver 1966	2.50
ZAMBIA:	Y5 6 Pence Nickel-Silver 1966	.30

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FEATURES PLANNED FOR FUTURE N.I. BULLETINS:

A monthly article by Matthew J. van der Voort has been promised dealing in various numismatic aspects, viewpoints and subjects.

A checklist, compiled by Bob Tomlinson, of all countries, towns, provinces, etc. that have issued crowns since 1800.

A list of errors found in HARRIS' "MODERN EUROPEAN COINS" which has been compiled by Glen Reno and James E. Thomas.

A list of counterfeits and forgeries which is presently being compiled by Robert W. Case with the assistance of several NI members.

The coinage and dating systems of Tibet, Mongolia, and Burma by Robert W. Case.

"Numismatically Speaking" by James E. Thomas, a complex study into numismatics.

EDITORS NOTE: Special works and projects are invited from all NI members. If you have an idea for a project that would be of interest to club members, let us hear about it. Also, let us know if you need assistance in any project or wish to participate in any of the above work.

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